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Applicants: Terrence W. Schmidt, Gary M. Noland, Anthony J. Mannino
Title: **MISSION MODULE SHIP DESIGN**
Serial Number: 10/712,777
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Examiner/Unit: Ajay Vasudeva / 3614
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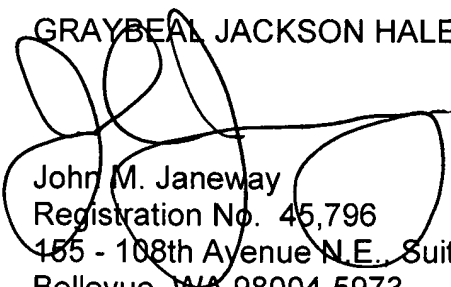
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

23 January 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

The applicants' attorney amends the claims and specification, and requests reconsideration of the application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6.

An **Appendix** including amended figures is attached following page 9.